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MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON URBAN DISTRICT

A N N U A L R E P O R T

on the

Health and Sanitary Conditions
for the year 1968.

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Public Health Inspector
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To: The Chairman and Councillors of the Mablethorpe and Sutton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1968.

The Health of the District as shown statistically is as follows:

During the year there were 69 births. This represents a Birth Rate of 12.5 per 1,000 population, when standardised to enable it to be compared with other parts of the country the figure was 16.1 per thousand. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 16.9 per thousand. In the district the Birth Rate is normally rather above the figure for England and Wales.

The illegitimate births constituted 8.7% of the total live births. This is rather lower than last year but it is too early to decide whether there is a definite downward trend. The importance of Hygiene lectures in the widest sense, in the Primary Schools and in the early years in the Secondary Schools is of great importance in this matter.

During the year there were 102 deaths. This gives a Death Rate of 18.5 per thousand population. When standardised for comparison purposes a death rate of 13.3 per thousand is obtained. The Death Rate for England & Wales is 11.9 per 1,000 population. This figure is in keeping with those of recent years.

Infant Deaths amounted to one out of 69 births giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 14.5 per thousand live births. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales is 18 per thousand live births. With such small numbers involved it is unwise to comment, but the tendency has been in the past for it to be above the figure for England and Wales.

As in previous years the commonest cause of Death in men was Coronary Disease and in women, strokes. Over a quarter of the deaths in men were from Coronary Disease.

Over half the total deaths occurred in the over 75 age group, which shows that the old conception of the life span as being "three score years and ten" is no longer applicable to a large group of the population.

Mablethorpe and Sutton like many coastal resorts are favourite places for retirement and the proportion of elderly in the population approaches 25%.

The demand for services for the elderly is thus more acute in such a town and when these elderly people eventually can no longer be cared for at home, the need for reasonably accessible Geriatric Hospital beds and Welfare Accommodation is acutely felt.

During 1968 the extensions to the Sewage Works made great progress and when complete the new plant will be an outstanding example of modern sewage disposal maintaining pollution free beaches and providing easily disposable residues of benefit to the land.

The health of the district as shown by statistics has been good. This is only maintained by the constant supervision of the Public Health and Nursing Staff and by the co-operation of the public especially, by ensuring that their children are immunised as soon as possible against the serious diseases of Smallpox, Diphtheria and Tetanus and also against the less serious but nevertheless important diseases of Whooping Cough and Measles.

I would like to thank Mr. Long and his staff for their kind help during the year, also the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J.E. Lee,

Medical Officer of Health.

Social Conditions and General Statistics.

(1)	Area of District	...	...	...	...	...	7,193 acres.
	(Including 717 acres of Foreshore)						
(2)	The estimated population	...	...	...	...		5,520
(3)	The density of population per acre			...	...		•825
	(Including Foreshore)						
(4)	The number of inhabited houses as at						
	1st April, 1968	...	...	...	...	...	2,984
(5)	Rateable Value of inhabited houses			...	...		£181,692
(6)	The product of penny rate	...	...	...	...		£1,261 15s.5d.

The Population of Mablethorpe and Sutton since 1960

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1968	5,520
1967	5,580
1966	5,550
1965	5,460
1964	5,400
1963	5,280
1962	5,260
1961	5,200
1960	5,230

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

(a)	<u>Live</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Legitimate	63	29	34
	Illegitimate	6	4	2
		<u>69</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	12.5
Standardised Birth Rate for Comparative purposes	16.1
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of Total Live Births)	8.7

(b)	<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Legitimate	1	0	1
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	0.18
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (Live & Still) Births	14.3

Deaths

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	102	48	54

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	...	18.5
Standardised Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.72)	...	13.3

Infant Deaths

(a) <u>Under 12 Months</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births	...	14.5
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Births	...	15.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Births	...	Nil

(b) <u>Under 4 Weeks</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	...	Nil
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(c) <u>Under 1 Week</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	...	Nil
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births & Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total Live & Still Births)	...	14.3
Maternal Deaths including Abortion	...	Nil

Table 1.

Table showing ages at death during the past 5 years and the averages for that period compared with those for 1968.

Year	0/1	1/5	5/15	15/25	25/35	35/45	45/55	55/65	65/75	75+	Total
1967	3	-	-	1	-	2	5	14	35	52	112
1966	2	-	-	1	1	2	7	7	27	47	94
1965	4	-	-	-	-	3	5	16	21	33	82
1964	2	-	-	2	1	5	8	11	18	33	80
1963	1	1	-	2	2	2	7	15	17	42	89
Average Numbers	2.4	1	-	1.2	0.8	2.8	6.4	12.6	23.6	41.4	91.4
1968	1	-	1	1	-	-	5	10	26	58	102

Table 2.

Standardised Death Rates for Mablethorpe and Sutton U.D.C. for the previous 7 years.

Year	Standardised Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 Standardised Population)	Death Rate for England & Wales (per 1,000 population)
1961	13.2	12.0
1962	11.69	11.9
1963	12.3	12.2
1964	10.65	11.3
1965	10.7	11.5
1966	12.7	11.7
1967	13.7	11.2
1968	13.3	11.9

Table 3.

Anatomical Sites of Malignant Neoplasms Causing Deaths in 1968.

Site	Male	Female	Total
Stomach	1	2	3
Lung Bronchus	5	1	6
Breast	-	1	1
Uterus	-	-	-
Other Sites	5	3	8
Totals	11	7	18

Table 4.

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms in 1968 and in the preceding 5 years.

Site	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Stomach	3	-	-	1	1	3
Lung Bronchus	6	5	3	2	3	3
Breast	1	1	1	2	-	1
Uterus	-	1	-	1	-	1
Other Sites	8	8	14	11	5	6
Totals	18	15	18	17	9	14

In the Classification of Causes of Death in 1968 the Registrar General started to use a new classification into causes. In the new classification there are 65 causes of death; in the old classification there were 36 causes. It is thus not possible to directly compare causes of death in 1968 with those in previous years.

The Causes of Death in 1967 are given in the old Classification and the Causes of Death in 1968 are given in the new Classification.

Table 5

Total Causes of Deaths in the Area during 1967.

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	0
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung & Bronchus	4	1
" " - Breast	0	1
" " - Uterus	0	1
Other Malignant & Nymphatic Neoplasms	4	4
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	2
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of Nervous System	7	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	27	4
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	8
Other Heart Disease	2	3
Other Circulatory Disease	2	4
Pneumonia	3	3
Bronchitis	1	0
Other Disease of Respiratory System	1	0
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	2
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	0	1
Other Defined & Ill Defined Diseases	5	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1
All other Accidents	1	1
Suicide	0	0
	<hr/> 64	<hr/> 48

Table 6Total Causes of Deaths in the Area during 1968

	M.	F.
1. Enteritis & Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	0
2. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	2
3. " " - Lung Bronchus	5	1
4. " " - Breast	0	1
5. Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	5	3
6. Benign & Unspecified Neoplasms	1	0
7. Mental Disorders	0	1
8. Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	1	0
9. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	0	1
10. Hypertensive Disease	3	3
11. Ischaemic Heart Disease	14	8
12. Other forms of Heart Disease	1	2
13. Cerebro-vascular Disease	4	11
14. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	5
15. Influenza	0	1
16. Pneumonia	2	2
17. Bronchitis & Emphysema	2	1
18. Asthma	0	1
19. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	1
20. Peptic Ulcer	0	1
21. Intestinal obstruction & hernia	0	1
22. Cirrhosis of Liver	0	1
23. Other Disease of Digestive System	1	0
24. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	0
25. Diseases of Musculo - Skeletal System	0	1
26. Symptoms & Ill Defined conditions	1	5
27. Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0
28. All other accidents	0	1
	<hr/> 48	<hr/> 54

Notified Cases of Infectious Diseases, 1968.

Disease	Cases Notified
Salmonella Inf.	1
Dysentery	1

General Provisions of Health Services in the Area.

Laboratory Facilities

Dr. J. M. Croll of the Public Health Laboratory Service at Lincoln has kindly reported on the many samples which have been sent to him for bacteriological examination. I am most grateful for his assistance and advice.

Clinic Provisions

A Health Clinic for Infants & Toddlers is provided where the mother is advised about care of the child and where its subsequent developments can be kept under review up to the age of five years. The success of the Clinic is greatly dependant on the valuable work of Miss Hutchinson the Health Visitor, whose headquarters are at the Clinic.

Immunisation is offered against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Measles.

A monthly Cytology Clinic has been held for the past five years, and the demand has been considerable. The stage has now been reached where re-examination of early patients is desirable.

(In women as they progress in years, there is an increasing danger of developing cancer of the womb and by a simple examination a sample can be taken and sent to the laboratory, where it can be checked for any doubtful cells. If these are present, further investigation is advised and by this means developing malignant disease can be caught in the very early stages, when it is fully amenable to treatment).

This is a preventative measure which can only show its benefits if as large a cross section of the population as possible takes advantage of the facilities. I suggest in particular, that all women over 35 years of age should ring Mablethorpe 3250 between 9 and 10 a.m. and make an appointment.

An examination of the breasts is also made when the patient attends.

The Clinic is conducted by a lady doctor.

Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes are also provided, where the mother to be, is given instructions in caring for her new baby and told what to expect during pregnancy and labour and how she can, herself, promote an easier birth.

It is regretted that we no longer have a Chiropodist. This is a service for which there is considerable demand because of the numbers of elderly in the population.

This summer from June - September between 12 noon - 1 p.m. two of the local practitioners and a district nurse are holding a Surgery at the Clinic for the benefit of visitors, especially those requiring dressings. Local patients can of course, attend as well.

Times of Clinic

Infant Welfare	Thursdays	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Toddlers	2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month.	9.45 a.m. - 12 noon.
Welfare Food Distribution	Thursdays	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Cytology Clinic	4th Wednesday of each month	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Mother Craft & Relaxation Classes	1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month.	2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tufty Club	2nd Tuesday in the month.	2.30 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.
G.P. Surgery	June - September, 1969 Monday - Friday.	12 noon - 1 p.m.

To the Chairman and Members of the Mablethorpe and Sutton U.D.C.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting this, my thirtieth report for inclusion in the Medical Officers Annual Report for 1968.

The layout of the report is based, as usual, on the requirements of the various Ministry Circulars and Statutory Instruments. My first thoughts after so long with the Authority were to look back on what we have achieved in the Public Health field since 1930, but nothing would be gained by such an exercise.

The year 1968 must stand out in the history of the Urban District as one of great Public Health progress. The major part of the new sewerage works has been carried out this year, and when completed in the Spring of 1969, will be undoubtedly one of the most modern works in the East of England.

Another matter of Public Health interest is the solving of the refuse disposal problem. So two major objectives have been achieved. But the signs for the future look rather black for small Local Authorities, in spite of good local administration at all levels and a direct and intimate contact with the population which is difficult to achieve by large units of administration.

I am very grateful for the co-operation and kindness of Dr. J. E. Lee, Medical Officer of Health, and take the opportunity of thanking him along with all my colleagues in the office for their help during the year.

The above mentioned progress could not have been achieved without the help and support of the Chairman and Members of the Council and I would like to thank them for their continual interest and encouragement in all matters throughout the past year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

C.V. LONG,

Public Health Inspector
and Housing Manager.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WATER SUPPLY

A total of 85 samples of water was submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. The results are set out below:-

Bacteriological Examination

(1) Public Supply	-	Satisfactory	-	79
		Unsatisfactory	-	Nil
(2) Private Supply	-	Satisfactory	-	6
		Unsatisfactory	-	Nil

Statistical Information

No. of houses supplied from public mains - in houses	98%
- standpipe/outside tap	2%
No. of houses supplied from private source	22
New sources of supply and location - public ...	Nil
No. of new sources of supply and location - private	Nil
No. of houses supplied therefrom	N/A
No. of public supplies closed as (i) polluted ...	Nil
(ii) other reasons	Nil

General Remarks in connection with water supplies

The mains supply to the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. There have been a series of complaints about the very low pressures at the North End of Mablethorpe. The Engineer to the Water Board informs me that new mains of a larger size are being laid to overcome this difficulty.

All of the properties having their own bores and wells have been visited and over a period of two years samples have been sent for bacteriological examination. The results have been satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Statistical Information

No. of houses with privy vaults (Farms)	Nil
No. of houses with pail closets	24
No. of houses with water closets	2,940
No. of water closets repaired	129
No. of drains examined or exposed for inspection	135
No. of R.W.P's and waste pipes repaired	74
No. of drains found obstructed and repaired ...	104
No. of cesspools abolished	-
No. of pail closets converted	1

Sewer Extensions

A considerable amount of sewerage has taken place on the several new housing development sites in the district. These sewers have yet to be taken over by the Local Authority.

Action is now being taken to lay a sewer in Grange Road, Sutton, and it is hoped that further consideration will be given to the provision of sewers in White Row Lane, Trusthorpe and the Grift Bank, Mablethorpe.

Sewerage Works

I mentioned in last year's report that the work had commenced. This year has seen the construction of the major part of the works and pipe laying. We look forward to the opening of the Scheme in the Spring of 1969.

Humberside - Pipe Line to Donna Nook

This matter has been given a lot of thought by the Public Health Committee and the Council has been well represented at joint meetings of all interested parties.

I feel that I must congratulate the Chairman of the Public Health Committee on his contribution to the Working Party on this subject.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The delivery of a new modern refuse collection vehicle has helped to maintain the weekly collection of domestic and trade refuse.

The very wet summer added considerably to the cost of collection, due to the difficulty of collecting refuse from caravan sites, etc., except from the hard roads.

The rapid development of the Chalet Parks, Caravan Sites and general town growth presented an ever growing problem for the refuse collection service.

The disposal of refuse has been a worrying problem for the last year but I am now pleased to report that this problem has been solved by the purchase by the Council of the Brickyard Clay Pits in Mablethorpe. This acquisition will provide adequate controlled tipping space for many years to come.

Damage by Pest Act, 1949

During the late summer and autumn the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food launched a publicity campaign for the better control of rats on the Agricultural Holdings of the County. Working in conjunction with the Ministry we did a personal publicity visit and survey to every farm and agricultural holding in the district. The results were quite pleasing and showed that the farmers are well aware of the damage caused by rats and they were very willing to co-operate with us in every way. There was a slight increase in the rat population but this was controlled by the end of the year.

The continued use of permanent baiting points in strategic areas has once again proved its worth.

From the reports and survey results from the Rodent Operator, together with my own visits and observations, I have a complete knowledge of the rodent situation throughout the year.

No sign of Warfarin 'Resistance' has been found.

I set out below the visits recorded by the Rodent Operator in the form requested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Type of Visits	Non- Agricultural	Agricultural
Complaints and nearby premises that were inspected	188	4
No. of above found infested:-		
(1) Rats	59	2
(2) Mice	16	-
Total No. of properties inspected including survey visits and re-visits	1,202	52
No. of above found infested:-		
(1) Rats	80	-
(2) Mice	20	-
Sewers found infested	Nil	

In addition to the above I made 88 supervisory visits in connection with Rodent Control.

Nuisances

Total number of nuisances during year	...	...	...	489
(1) Abated as result of informal action by the Public Health Inspector	...	...	...	489
(2) Reported to Council - Statutory Notice issued	...			-
- Statutory Notice not issued	...			-

Details of nuisances abated

	After Informal Intimation	After Statutory Notice or Report
Refuse	23	-
Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water	5	-
Drainage	79	-
Poultry and animals	1	-
Dangerous premises	-	-
Miscellaneous	381	-

Remarks

The abatement of nuisances plays an important part in the work of the Department. Most nuisances are very small, such as leaking W.C's and waste pipes, etc., but these are of considerable concern to householders. Early attention to these items is very well appreciated and helps to build a good relationship between the public and the Local Authority. Much is achieved by phone calls, personal visits or informal letters: no statutory action was necessary during the year.

Factories Act

We have only one large factory in the district, the principal industries being the holiday and catering trades together with agriculture. The small workshops and factories are ancillary to these trades.

A copy of the annual return required by the Act is set out on the following pages:-

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupier Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which section 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	31	36	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	6	-	-	-
T O T A L	39	36	1	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (1)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
T O T A L	3	3	-	-	-

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Outwork Nil.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

An application for the renewal of a licence to keep a Pet Shop was received.

Several routine visits were made during the year. The premises and personnel were found satisfactory on all occasions.

Animals Boarding Establishment Act, 1963

Only one person is registered under the above Act. Several visits have been made during the year and all matters were found to be satisfactory.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

The need for disinfection is almost non-existent, although we do give a service if required by the local Doctors.

Two rooms at one of the Children's Convalescent Homes were disinfected following several cases of measles.

Several complaints of ants, wasps and cockroaches were dealt with during the year. One caravan was disinfested following a complaint of bed bugs.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Details of registrations, general inspections and analyses of workplaces of persons employed in registered premises are set out below:-

Class of premises	Newly Registered premises during the year	No. of premises Registered at end of year	No. of Registered premises receiving one or more general inspection
Offices	-	33	5
Retail Shops	1	119	46
Wholesale Shops	-	2	-
Catering Premises	-	45	29
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Totals	1	199	80

Total number of Inspections = 97

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	120
Retails Shops	342
Wholesale	6
Catering Premises	292
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	760
Total Males	265
Total Females	495

One small accident was reported during the year. This was caused by a tin of food falling from a shelf on to an assistant's foot.

As complete inspections of all registered premises were made last year, the work under this Act has been allowed to fall within the general office routine and to take its place amongst all the many other duties carried out by the Department.

Miscellaneous Samples

(a) Swimming Baths

4 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, 3 were satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory.

I am informed by the County Health Inspector that the swimming pools connected to the local schools have been satisfactory throughout the year.

(b) Paddling Pools

19 samples were submitted, 8 were satisfactory and 11 were found to be unsatisfactory.

Paddling pools are very difficult to keep in a sterile condition but I feel that sufficient attention is given to their cleanliness and treatment with regular doses of chlorine. This at least keeps them safe.

General

One complaint of Noise was received under the Noise Abatement Act. This was dealt with by informal discussion. There are no Offensive Trades or Knackers Yards in the district. 658 miscellaneous visits were made during the year covering all types of complaints and requests for help and advice.

HOUSING

Total number of new houses erected during the year.

(1)	By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2)	By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(3)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	89
(4)	Number allocated for replacing houses subject to Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	1

Housing Repairs and Kent Act, 1954 - 57

No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued	...	...	1
No. of Undertakings accepted	...	...	Nil

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	188
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	... 324

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officer	134
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Action under Statutory powers during the year

(1)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... .. Nil

(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices ... Nil

(i) By owners ... Nil (ii) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

(2) Proceedings under Housing Acts

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1

(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(i) By owners ... 1 (ii) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 1

(iii) Number of unfit houses purchased by Local Authority in accordance with Housing Acts ... Nil

(c) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued ... 1

(3) Slum Clearance - Proceedings under the Housing Acts

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made (individual unfit houses only) ... 2

(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders (individual unfit houses only) ... Nil

(c) Number of dwelling houses, or parts subject to Closing Orders ... Nil

(d) Number of dwelling houses, or parts rendered fit by undertaking ... 1

(e) Number of dwelling houses included in confirmed Clearance Orders ... Nil

(f) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance thereof ... Nil

- (g) Total number of dwelling houses on which Demolition Orders are operative and which are still occupied except under the provisions of Section 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act, 1957 Nil
- (h) Total number of dwelling houses occupied under Section 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act, 1957 Nil
- (i) Houses demolished or closed voluntarily by owners which would otherwise have been the subject of Statutory action to secure demolition or closure 1
- (4) Nissen Huts or similar Hutments
- (a) Number still occupied Nil
- (b) Date by which it is anticipated occupants will be rehoused N/A
- (5) Estimated number of dwellings excluding those under paragraph (4) above, remaining to be dealt with under:-
- (a) The Housing Act, 1957, Section 16 and 18 2 or 3
- (b) The Housing Act, 1957, Section 42 Nil

Housing Acts - Overcrowding

- (a) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil
- (ii) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year Nil
- (b) (i) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein Nil
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein Nil

Housing Acts, 1949 - 59

Number of dwellings for which applications for Grant have been received.	(a)	Standard Grant	Nil
	(b)	Discretionary Grant	3

Number of dwellings subject to Grant.	(a)	Standard Grant	Nil
	(b)	Discretionary Grant	2

Number of houses owned by local authority which have been the subject of Grant aid by the Ministry	Nil
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No. of visits re Grant Works	23
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General Remarks on Housing

Improvement Grants

Since the scheme started a total of £28,088 has been granted to the end of the year, involving 174 properties.

Applications for improvement grants are always welcome and every endeavour is made to encourage schemes to modernise any sub-standard houses in the district.

Housing Repairs and Rent Act, 1954 - 57

One application was received during the year.

Common Lodging Houses

No Common Lodging Houses exist in the district.

Protection from Eviction Act, 1964

Approximately 20 persons called for advice on this matter. To each the necessary pamphlets were issued.

The properties involved were all furnished houses on short term lettings for the winter, and to holiday visitors during the summer. This is a problem that recurs each spring.

Council Housing

The last review of the waiting list revealed the following situation:-

(1)	Families in Rooms, Furnished Houses, etc.	...	...	65
(2)	Controlled Tenants	...	...	21
(3)	Owner Occupiers (Mainly old people)	...	...	7

There is a slight decrease in the overall number of applicants as compared with last year, mainly in Classes 2 and 3 but with a slight increase in Class 1.

The turn-over of houses is about the same as last year, namely 25 to 35 per year. This means an approximate waiting period of 2 years, allowing of course for the fact that emergency cases take some priority.

Complaints and requests for repairs were as follows:-

(1)	Plumbing Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	279
(2)	Joinery Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	217
(3)	Bricklayers Work and Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
(4)	Electrical Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
(5)	Gas Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	45

These items do not include 'block repairs' such as painting, gutter repairs and clearing, replacement of decaying bricks and paths for Estates. Treatment of brickwork was confined to the Kutland Road Estate.

With the increasing cost of materials and labour and the defects becoming larger, (e.g. woodwork rotting), it is getting more difficult to carry out repairs without affecting the balance in the Repairs and Maintenance Fund.

Care of the Elderly

Although in the past two years I have said much about this growing problem, nothing has really been done to ease the situation. It is to be hoped that much more money will be allocated to provide accommodation that is so urgently needed. In the meantime some thought could be given to the installation of telephones in houses where elderly persons are living. These could be subsidized and elderly persons could be instructed how and where to call for help required.

Moveable Dwellings

(a) Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Number of site licences	...	...	...	...	...	13
Total number of caravans permitted under said licences	...	...	...	...	...	2,969
No. of inspections during the year	...	...	...	...	...	174
No. of contraventions	...	...	...	...	...	15
Number of sites exempt from licence	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of caravans thereon	...	...	...	...	...	575
Total number of caravans	...	...	...	...	...	3,544

The caravan industry is now well established, and all site proprietors apart from one are providing well conducted sites and generally complying with the conditions laid down by their licences. The 1968 season was very wet and caused great difficulties in the collection of refuse. I noticed again that touring caravans were popular and will need more consideration in future years.

(b) Tents

In spite of the bad weather this form of holidaying was again popular, particularly at the Whitsun Holiday. Some 600 to 700 tents were stationed in the district at the peak periods and were reasonably coped with on the established tenting sites although one emergency field had to be brought into use for about a week. Apart from this odd week the situation throughout the season was quite satisfactory.

(c) Chalet Development

This type of development has again increased, although the percentage of traditionally built houses has been greater this year. This is much better for the town as it gives a better rate return and provides permanent housing as opposed to holiday development. Both types of properties however, need servicing, and this is reflected in the cost of such services as sewage disposal, refuse collection and water supply, etc.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

Whilst the actual control of the milk supplies in the district is the responsibility of the County Council, it is the overall concern of the Public Health Department of all Local Authorities to see that nothing is wrong in this field.

I am pleased to report that the overall picture is very satisfactory. All the supplies are either pasturised or sterilized and accordingly are quite safe. Samples have been taken at the Dairies by the County Health Inspector as a check on the heat treatment, and all have been found to be satisfactory.

Samples of the raw milk produced in the district are taken by the County Health Inspector for Brucella Abortus. This year one positive case was found. Further checks are being made and the District Veterinary Officer is visiting the farm. No danger exists to the population of the District.

Food & Drugs Acts

The Food Manufacturers of the County are very careful to produce foods which are up to the standard demanded by the public. Occasionally things are not quite as they should be. In such cases appropriate action is taken by the County Health Inspector. It is this constant checking and sampling which produces such satisfactory results.

During the year several cases of food not of the nature and quality demanded were brought to my notice. These were not really serious and were dealt with by appropriate action.

Ice Cream

Ice Cream sold in the district is generally very satisfactory. Soft ice cream machines and temporary summer time staff need constant attention.

No. of manufacturers on register	...	...	...	...	1
No. of premises licensed for sale of ice cream	...	...	...	...	63
No. of inspections made	...	...	...	...	55
No. of premises using soft ice cream machines	...	...	...	...	6

Number and results of samples taken:-

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
28	8	1	Nil

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurization) Regulations, 1963

There are no Egg Pasteurization Plants in the district.

Bakehouses

Number in district	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of contraventions found				...	...	...	1
Number of contraventions remedied				...	...	...	1
Number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

All the bakehouses were maintained to a reasonably good standard throughout the year.

Retail Food Shops

All the retail food shops have been inspected during the year and found to be in good condition.

The following goods were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

142 items of various frozen foods
totalling £16 6s. 11d.
6 lb. Beef
7 tons. Potatoes.

Meat Shops - Meat Products

All shops and premises used for the manufacture of meat products have been inspected during the year. All were in good condition.

Poultry

No poultry processing premises exist in the district. Routine checks are made of poultry displayed for sale, both fresh and frozen.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

I am pleased to state that a 100% meat inspection can be reported. The arrangements made with Alford U.D.C. and Louth R.D.C. for relief in times of sickness and holidays worked extremely well.

It is pleasing to record that the meat killed in the district is of high quality. Throughout the year no carcasses or offal was found to be unfit for human consumption.

Set out below is the statutory tabulation of the carcasses and offal inspected:-

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	48	-	-	834	3	-
Number inspected	48	-	-	834	3	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticerosis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Slaughterhouse Act, 1958

Both Slaughterhouses continue to operate in a most satisfactory manner. The co-operation of the trade is most excellent.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

As requested by the Ministry of Health Circular 1/68 I set out details of food premises subject to the above Act, grouped in categories of trade.

(a) Butchers

(1)	Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(2)	Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

(b) Green Grocers

(1)	Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

(c) Grocery Shops

(1)	Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
(3)	The number of premises which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	28

(d) Snack Bars, Cafes & Restaurants

(1)	Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	46

(e) Hotels, Public Houses and Clubs

(1)	Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	22

(f) Sweet Shops

(1)	Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

(g) Bakery and Confectionery

(1)	Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	7

(h) Fish & Chip Shops

(1)	Number of premises (4 selling Wet Fish)	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

In presenting these facts the principal trade has been taken, although many of the shops are selling all types of foods and other goods.

Remarks

Regular visits to all food preparation rooms and to retail food outlets are made in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations. The trades were again circulated with literature reminding them of their responsibilities under the Regulations and in particular of the need for careful stock rotation. The lack of proper stock rotation resulted in two complaints of mouldy pork pies being sold to the public. Severe warnings were issued in both cases. In one other case it appeared to me that the van men were responsible for mouldy goods by exchanging stocks from the country shops and bringing them down to the coast where fast sales are experienced. This of course is denied but I have reason to believe that this practice is carried on from time to time.

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulation

These regulations have been complied with throughout the district.

Conclusion

The food trade has been generally satisfactory throughout the year.

